

What is claimed is:

1. A disk cartridge comprising:

a disk-shaped information recording medium having a center core centrally attached thereto;

5 a flat housing which has upper and lower shells and rotatably accommodates therein the disk-shaped information recording medium;

the housing including an opening to allow a recording/reproducing head of a disk drive to access a
10 surface of the information recording disk, and a rotary shutter for opening and closing the opening; and

the rotary shutter being constituted by an upper shutter member which is rotatably supported by the upper shell and a lower shutter member which is rotatably
15 supported by the lower shell,

wherein the upper shutter member comprises:

a recess defining member which is provided on an outer region radially outward from a region above the center core in the surface thereof on the side opposed to and facing
20 the information recording medium so as to define a recess in the region above the center core; and

an upper liner which is placed on the recess defining member and serves to wipe off dirt and dust deposited on the information recording medium.

25 2. A disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the recess defining member is made up of adhesive for affixing

the upper liner to the upper shutter member.

3. A disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the recess defining member is formed integrally with the upper liner using the same material as the upper liner.

5 4. A disk cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a lower liner is provided on the surface of the lower shell on the side facing the information recording medium, and the recess defining member has a thickness selected such that the both surfaces of the information recording medium
10 are subjected to substantially the same pressure respectively from the upper and lower liners when the disk drive is loaded.

5. A disk cartridge comprising:

15 a disk-shaped information recording medium having a center core centrally attached thereto;

 a flat housing which has upper and lower shells and rotatably accommodates therein the disk-shaped information recording medium;

20 the housing including an opening to allow a recording/reproducing head of a disk drive to access a surface of the information recording disk, and a rotary shutter for opening and closing the opening; and

 the rotary shutter being constituted by an upper shutter member which is rotatably supported by the upper
25 shell and a lower shutter member which is rotatably supported by the lower shell,

wherein the surfaces of the upper and lower shutter members facing the information recording medium are provided with a liner for wiping off dirt and dust deposited on the surfaces of the information recording
5 medium;

wherein the upper shutter member has a step portion between a region above the center core, which is included in a surface thereof facing the information recording medium, and an outer region which is located radially
10 outward from the region above the center core, in order to define a recess in the region above the center core; and

wherein the step portion serves to produce a height difference such that the distance from the information recording medium to the lower shutter member and the
15 distance from the information recording medium to the opposite surface in the outer region become substantially the same when the disk cartridge is loaded in the disk drive.